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In re US Patent Application of
Thomas W. Astle
Serial No. 09/752,272
Filed: January 2, 2001
Title: ELUTER FOR SOLID PHASE
EXTRACTION SYSTEM

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) Date: January 6, 2003.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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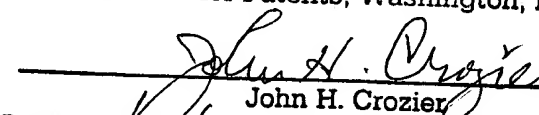
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please indent the first lines of the first paragraph under "Field of the Invention" and the two paragraphs under "Background Art".

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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